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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JULY 9, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Walter Camp, William Bates, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marv Anderson, Tom Martens, town clerk, Marion Janssen, town treasurer. There were also fifteen other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Anderson seconded Vojta that the minutes of the June 11, 2012 regular town board meeting be approved as presented. Approved.
5. **Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 6-30-2012: \$-2,421.97; room tax account \$12,261.99; lakes CD account \$15,506.19; lakes account \$14,569.26; skateboard park fund \$3,778.51; bike & hike trail account \$7,619.34; money market account \$75,671.55; playground equipment account \$4,388.28; debt reserve account \$204,849.29; fire department \$7,319.62; fireworks donation account \$6,425.65; community development account \$15,230.20; golf course general account \$121,353.37; golf course payroll account \$1,000.00; golf course money market \$29,000.39..
6. **Payment of Vouchers: Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Bates seconded Anderson that vouchers 630-703 and 20330-20404 be approved along with the following extra bills: Hicks Oil - \$1,474.20—unleaded gas; Sherwin Williams - \$497.40—paint; Doug Knapp - \$450—July 4th music; Copy Cat Printing - \$185.80 – lakes posters; Krueger - \$18,000 – fireworks. Approved.
7. **Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp stated that he had attended the Found Lake Association annual meeting. College students are manning the boat landing. The Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. has grant money available. The VTA meeting will be at the Cloverland town hall at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Camp also stated that he had the report from the Plum Lake Library indicating that St. Germain residents are a majority of the users of the library. Phelps will be hosting a Vilas County Economic Development meeting on July 23, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.
8. **Supervisors Report:** Mr. Vojta stated that he had another request to raise the speed limit on Juve Road.

Mr. Anderson stated that he had three positive comments on the parade and fireworks. Mr. Anderson also thanked the fire chief for giving a tour of the fire department.

9. **Town Committee Reports/Comments:** Fire Chief, Tim Clark, stated that there were 29 calls last month. Four to Newbold, three to Cloverland and 22 to St. Germain. The tanker will be checked out in August. The town board needs to decide if the tanker should be left or if there should be a cost limit set. Mr. Camp suggested that TRIP money could be used for the truck. Mr. Vojta stated that the TRIP money should go towards paying the loan for the roads, as it was intended. Mr. Anderson thought there should be a 10% cap on the cost of repairs based on the cost of a new tanker. Mr. Vojta that it should be based only on the cost of the tank. Mr. Clark stated that Tim Ebert claims that when he was chief, he would put chemicals into the water to help prevent rusting. Mr. Clark suggested that we get the quote and go from there. Motion Anderson seconded Vojta that the town board authorize repairs up to \$8,000. The motion and second was withdrawn. There could be a special board meeting after the inspection to decide. The fire association is spending over \$40,000 on a new chassis for the brush truck. Mr. Camp stated that the fire department meeting notices need to be posted. Mr. Clark stated that it is sometimes difficult to determine the time of a meeting since it follows the training sessions.

Mr. Camp had previously sent an email with the public report to each board member. Mr. Anderson asked about the split rail fencing that was damaged by the soccer fields. Mr. Camp explained that he had ordered the fencing to be put up along with some logs to try to keep vehicles off of the soccer fields. Mr. Vojta asked about Pig In The Pines. Vehicles are parked all over the ball fields. Mr. Camp stated that was only for a day where the flea market is every Monday all summer. A vendor

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cut up the logs with a chainsaw so that he could get his vehicle behind his booth. Lu Clark stated that vendor had been evicted from the flea market. Mr. Vojta stated that it had not been an issue until now with this town board. He suggested that someone talk to the committee rather than putting up fences and rolling out logs. Mr. Camp responded that there had been problems with the flea market going back to the time Mr. Sherren had been town chair and put up tape barriers. Mr. Camp also stated that the transmission on the 1-Ton Truck was making noise. It is no longer being driven. Something will have to be put into the budget for next year. The shoulders will be mowed soon. The stockpile of gravel is down to about 5,000 yards. The committee will be getting quotes. The power had been turned off at the pavilion so that food had spoiled.

Mr. Camp reported that except for a small area on #5, the golf course is in excellent shape. The revenues for 2012 are \$203,754 compared to \$132,077 at this time last year. From July 1 to July 7, the course took in \$44,692.

There was no lakes committee report.

Mr. Anderson reported that the planning & zoning committee was working a draft of a nuisance/blight ordinance from the WTA and would share it with the board prior to a public hearing. Ms. Platner will have proof read the ordinance book by the August meeting. The committee is also looking at setbacks from town roads and a minimum fee for commercial permits.

There will be a housing authority meeting tomorrow. They will be discussing parking lot and sidewalk renovations. There are puddles standing in the parking lot. The cost might be prohibitive.

Mr. Vojta reported that he had received five replies for the emergency preparedness plan.

There was no room tax commission report.

The fence is up and the northern drive into the cemetery has been closed.

Mr. Anderson stated that the finance committee would be meeting in July to discuss a tax bond ordinance.

10. Citizens Comments on Items to be Considered by Town Board: Carol Radtke stated that she had heard that some of the refrigerators and stoves were not working at the senior housing apartments and that it was taking a very long time to get them repaired or replaced because there wasn't enough money. A vendor from the flea market said that one of the garbage trucks drives over the soccer fields and that the snowmobile show had used the fields. So, the damage is not entirely due to the vendors. Lu Clark stated that she found out about the soccer field problem on Wednesday and that the logs were down on Thursday. The association was not happy either with the vendor who took down the fence. Judy Kohout added that vendors pay for a 10' x 10' spot, but are charged extra if they have an oversized vehicle that takes up a lot of room. Cherie Ruenger gave several pictures showing a car and trailer parked approximately 40' from the septic cover that was damaged.

11. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table):

11a. Authority for Town Chair or Designee to Vote at Lake District Annual Meetings (Alma-Moon, Big St. Germain, Lost Lake): Motion Bates seconded to authorize the town chair or the town board appointed lake commissioner to vote at the annual meetings for Alma-Moon, Big St. Germain and Lost Lake annual meetings. Approved. The town board commissioners can vote at the regular meetings, but without the authority of the town board, they can't vote at the annual meetings. Only property owners in the lake districts can vote. Mr. Vojta questioned that if the commissioner was to represent the town board, how could that person vote without knowing the feelings of the entire town board. It was the consensus of the board that the commissioner would know about major topics prior to the annual meeting.

11b. Town Board Planning Sessions: Mr. Camp suggested that people from the various committees be brought in to discuss what might need to be done in the future. Mr. Vojta thought that the electors at the annual budget hearing would cut anything in the way of a contingency fund from the budget. Mr. Anderson suggested that the board have a timeline and a plan to show to the people. Mr. Bates said that for something like this to succeed, the town board would have to give

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up its role of authority. Mr. Radtke said that the board would need to convince the electorate that the town needed to do more so that they don't cut the money from the budget.

11c. Approval of Town Committee Appointments: Mr. Camp read his list of citizen appointments to the various committees. The clerk asked that Mr. Camp forward a copy of the list so that they can be put on the town's website.

11d. Vilas County Economic Summit July 23 in Phelps: Mr. Camp noted that there would be a Vilas County Economic Summit on July 23 in Phelps. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bates said that they should be able to attend.

12. Board Concerns: Mr. Radtke said that the Prime Timers had permission to park the ice cream wagon where they had it. He also thought that perhaps the logs could be move back a little farther. Mr. Bates thought that 30' should be measured. Mr. Vojta said that the logs would have to be moved during the winter so that snowmobiles wouldn't hit them. Mr. Martens asked that one parking space be kept open by the community center on flea market days so that if someone needed to do work in the community center there would be someplace to park.

12. Set Time & Date of Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

13. Adjournment: Motion Bates seconded Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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